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COVERED REFUGEE GRAIN REQUIREMENTS INTO SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY 1982 AND NOTED THAT SPORADIC SHIPMENTS OF VEGOIL AND DSM MADE REGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ITEMS DIFFICULT.

3. IN FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION. UNHCR REPS

EMPHASIZED RELIEF EFFORT'S TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AND URGED THAT POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO EXPEDITE ARRIVAL OF DONATED VEHICLES.

THEY WERE CONSIDERING OPENING AN OFFICE IN KARACHI TO ASSIST WFP MONITORING AND TO DEAL WITH GROWING IRANIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. UNHCR CONCLUDED THAT RECENT OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN REFUGEE-SATURATED KURRAM AGENCY (NWFP) WAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO LOCAL REFUGEE TENSIONS. END SUMMARY.

4. CONFERENCE OF DONORS TO RELIEF EFFORT WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MAJOR WESTERN AND MANY MUSLIM EMBASSIES RESIDENT IN ISLAMABAD. FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING AND IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION BETWEEN UNHCR REPS AND EMOFFS:

A. TRANSPORTATION: UNHCR CHIEF-OF-MISSION KOMANT CALLED FOR UNDERSTANDING BY DONORS OF GREAT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FACING RELIEF EFFORT. HE POINTED OUT, AS AN EXAMPLE, THAT 100,000 MTS OF GRAIN, ONLY FOUR MONTHS' RATIONS, REPRESENTED APPROXIMATELY 25,000 TRIPS BY TRUCK. KOMANT THERE-
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ED DONOR COUNTRIES--US, FRG, ROK, JAPAN AND SWEDEN--WHICH HAD PLEDGED TO PROVIDE TRUCKS TO THE RELIEF PROGRAM. SENIOR UNHCR OFFICIALS STATED THAT DESPITE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS OF TRUCKS IN PAKISTAN, ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN PESHAWAR, MAIN DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES, ONLY FORTY OR SO TRUCKS WERE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE BY THE REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM. TRUCKING RATES CONTINUE TO RISE AS CONTRACTORS DISCOVER THAT THE REFUGEE ADMINISTRATION'S DEMAND FOR TRANSPORTATION IS VIRTUALLY INELASTIC.
(COMMENT: WE ARE SEEKING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ON TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND COSTS.)

B) COMMODITIES: ACCORDING TO WFP OFFICIALS, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLEDGES OF GRAIN WILL SATISFY FORESEEABLE REFUGEE GRAIN REQUIREMENTS UNTIL SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY 1972. WFP AND UNHCR REQUESTED THAT DONORS CONTINUE SHIPPING WHEAT IN BULK ALONG WITH ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF GUNNY BAGS. PAKISTAN FACED A SHORTAGE OF GUNNY BAGS WHICH THE REFUGEES WERE FAILING TO RETURN. KOMANT SAID A RECENT EEC GRAIN SHIPMENT HAD ARRIVED POE KARACHI BAGGED AND EARMARKED "FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF AFGHAN REFUGEES". THIS HAD FORCED GOP TO UNDERTAKE EXPENSIVE (APPROX. DOLS 1.5 MILLION) AND TIME-CONSUMING OPERATION TO MOVE THE GRAIN DIRECTLY TO THE REFUGEE VILLAGES FROM KARACHI. USUAL PRACTICE CALLS FOR MERGING BULK DONATIONS WITH NATIONAL STOCKS AT KARACHI AND SUPPLYING REFUGEES FROM STORES CLOSER TO CAMP AREAS TO MINIMIZE TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

(C) WFP OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT VEGGIE AND OSM SHIPMENTS REMAINED ERRATIC AND MADE SCHEDULED DISTRIBUTION TO REFUGEES DIFFICULT. KOMANT EMPHASIZED THAT REGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD WAS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO AVOID REPETITION OF SITUATION IN LATE 1960 WHEN REFUGEES SOLD THEIR TENTS AND QUILTS TO OBTAIN FOOD. IN PRIVATE.

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(D) RE-ENUMERATION: UNHCR INFORMED ENBOFFS THAT REFUGEE
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CENSUS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED BY GOP IN TWO POLITICALLY
SENSITIVE AREAS OF NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN : THE AFGHANS.

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APPARENTLY MUJAHIDEEN, WERE RESISTING SOP EFFORTS TO COUNT THEM. PRELIMINARY FIGURES, HOWEVER, SHOWED A DECLINE OF SIXTEEN PERCENT IN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES BUT. KOMAUT POINTED OUT, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER HAD NOT BEEN REGISTERED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. HE SPECULATED THAT THESE UNREGISTERED REFUGEES COULD OFF-SET THE DECREASE RECORDED BY THE CENSUS. KOMAUT ADDED THAT HE WAS STILL MYSTIFIED BY DONOR CONCERN OVER EXACT NUMBER OF REFUGEES AS UNHCR INSISTED ON CARING ONLY FOR THOSE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AFGHANS LIVING IN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED REFUGEE CAMPS.

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(F) VIOLENCE IN KURRAM AGENCY: A UNHCR TEAM IS CURRENTLY IN KURRAM LOOKING INTO REPORTS OF LOCAL-REFUGEE CLASHES AND OF SOVIET/DRA ATTACKS ON REFUGEES IN THAT AGENCY ON
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17 NOVEMBER (REFS B & C). CLASHES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RESULT-OF TRIBAL RIVALRIES AND SUNNI-SHIA TENSIONS DURING MOHARRAM HOLIDAY. APPARENTLY, A BUS CONTAINING SUNNI AFGHANS BECAME CAUGHT UP IN A SHIA PROCESSION: INSULTS WERE FOLLOWED BY GUNFIRE IN WHICH SOME REFUGEES WERE KILLED. REFUGEES, ALONG WITH LOCAL SUNNIS, REPRYEDLY RETURNED WITH THEIR OWN WEAPONS TO EXACT RETRIBUTION. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PERSONS DIED IN THIS RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE.

(G) IRANIAN REFUGEES

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NOTE BY QC/T: (P) OMISSION. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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